# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

### **Voting Members**

Joey Manahan, Chair; Ann H. Kobayashi, Vice-Chair, Brandon J.C. Elefante, Ron Menor, Kymberly Marcos Pine

Committee Meeting Held February 11, 2016

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin Chair, City Council City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred Bill 4 (2016):

"RELATING TO PARKING,"

introduced January 19, 2016, passed first reading on January 27, 2016 and reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 4 (2016) is to permit on-street parking in certain areas.

Major Darren Izumo of the Traffic Division, Honolulu Police Department (HPD) testified in opposition to the Bill, citing safety and fairness issues. Major Izumo clarified that that the bill: 1) May block sight lines and result in hazardous parking without any legal recourse by the residents or HPD; 2) Does not address parking near fire hydrants or close to stop signs; and 3) Would set a precedent for similar roadways in other neighborhoods. While HPD understands the situation and empathizes with residents, it does not support suspending this specific parking regulation for a specific situation on two streets.

Councilmember Ron Menor, who introduced the bill, noted that he would like to have further discussion and give residents living in the area the opportunity to attend and provide input at the upcoming Council Meeting in Kapolei Hale.

Representative Matthew LoPresti and one member of the public provided testimony

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in support to the Resolution. In addition to oral testimony, HPD also provided written testimony.

Your Committee on Transportation is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 4 (2016) and recommends that it pass second reading and be scheduled for a public hearing. (Ayes: Elefante, Kobayashi, Menor, Pine, Manahan – 5; Noes – None.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

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